CANYONS OF THE ANCIENTS NATIONAL MONUMENT Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes July 29, 2003

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Bob Clayton Chris Majors Bud Poe Selwin Whiteskunk

Duane Gerren Chuck McAfee Liz Tozer Kelly Wilson

Bill Lipe Tito Naranjo Mark Varien

Bureau of Land Management Attendees:

LouAnn Jacobson, Monument Manager

Steve Kandell, Monument Land Use Planner

Megan Kram, Land Use Planner from BLM Washington DC

Ann Bond, San Juan Public Lands Center Public Affairs Specialist

Victoria Atkins, Anasazi Heritage Center Interpretive Specialist

Agenda

9:00am - 9:15am Greetings and Ground Rules

9:15am - 10:00am Introductions

10:00am - 11:00pm Overview and Status of Planning Process

• Monument 1st Three Years Update

• BLM Planning Process

• Status of Monument Planning Process

Review of Advisory Committee Workbook

11:00am – 11:30am Planning Schedule and Budget

11:30am - 3:00pm Lunch in the Field

• Lowry Pueblo

3:00pm - 3:30pm Public Comment

3:30pm - 4:30pm Meeting Strategy and Next Agenda

Note, the remainder of these minutes describes the discussion associated with each agenda topic.

Greetings and Ground Rules

LouAnn Jacobson welcomed all participants to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Steve Kandell then shared the following ground rules with the group:

- One person may talk at a time;
- Respect each other;
- Confine comments to issues, not people;
- Everyone is to participate.

Introductions

Each person at the meeting introduced themselves and provided information on their background (e.g., education, experience, association to the Monument, etc.)

Overview and Status of Planning Process

Monument 1st Three Years Update: LouAnn Jacobson gave a presentation on Monument programs, issues and resources. This presentation was visually supported using a computer projector. Chuck McAfee asked why education and research was not identified as a Monument value in the presentation. LouAnn Jacobson noted that this was an oversight and would be corrected in future presentations. Mark Varian asked if the Monument Cultural Affiliation Study referenced in the presentation was available. LouAnn provided him copy.

BLM Planning Process: Megan Kram gave a presentation on the BLM's approach to update land use plans bureau-wide and how the Monument's planning effort fits into this approach. This presentation was visually supported using a computer projector.

Status of Monument Planning Process: Steve Kandell gave a presentation explaining the major steps in the Monument planning process. In addition, each document that will be produced during the planning effort was described. This presentation was visually supported using a computer projector. Tito Niranjo asked what efforts are being made to include Native American participation in the planning process. Steve Kandell identified the Monument Cultural Affiliation Study and proposed intertribal meetings, during both the scoping and draft plan stages of the planning process, as approaches to assuring Native American participation. Steve Kandell referenced in the Advisory Committee Workbook a Draft Public Participation Plan that identifies steps, beyond those legally required, for including the public in planning process. A list of Key Planning Dates, identifying upcoming internal and public meetings, was provided to the Committee. Chuck McAffee asked which of the meetings the Committee should attend. Steve Kandell identified internal meetings including the Planning Kick-off Meeting and Community-based Stewardship and Sonoran Institute's Economic Profile System Workshops as meetings to attend.

Review of Advisory Committee Workbook: Each Advisory Committee member received a "workbook" that included planning related information for the Monument. Megan Kram described the contents of this workbook. Participants can add information to the workbook as the planning effort moves forward.

Planning Schedule and Budget

Steve Kandell presented the planning schedule. This schedule identified dates for upcoming planning workshops and public meetings and anticipated dates for completing major planning documents (e.g., draft plan).

LouAnn Jacobson explained the current and expected budget for the planning effort. As part of her discussion she explained that the Anasazi Heritage Center has secured \$78,000.00 from BLM for partnerships in 2003, and is requesting additional partnership money in 2004. Some of this money could benefit the planning effort.

Lunch in the Field

Lunch was held at Lowry Pueblo, a National Historic Landmark, within the Monument. A tour of the site was provided by LouAnn Jacobson and Victoria Atkins.

Public Comment

Committee members returned to the Anasazi Heritage Center for the duration of the meeting. Two individuals addressed the Committee during the comment period. They included Miscelle Allison who commented that establishment of the Monument was illegal. Miscelle also handed out written comments on other issues to the Committee. The second commenter was Walt Heikes who expressed dissatisfaction with BLM's management of cultural resources. He explained that he had identified a unique archaeological site on private land and contacted BLM about protecting it through acquisition or land exchange. Furthermore, he stated that BLM has never acted on his request. LouAnn explained that BLM does not manage cultural resources on private land and will only discuss the potential for acquiring private land if approached by the land owner.

Meeting Strategy and Next Agenda

Steve Kandell reviewed a Draft Advisory Committee Meeting Strategy (included in the workbook) with the Committee and asked them to review and comment on the strategy prior to the next meeting. The strategy suggests how the Committee could function within the planning process. After discussing the draft meeting strategy the Committee identified potential agenda items for their next meeting. These agenda items include identifying Committee education needs, forming subcommittees, electing Committee officers (e.g., chair, co-chair) and starting to identify planning issues and management concerns. Steve Kandell also suggested that Committee members could contact him prior to the next meeting with additional agenda suggestions.

Other Discussion

The Committee agreed to hold two future meetings at the Anasazi Heritage Center on October 21, 2003 and November 14, 2003. Both meetings will be held from 9:00am to 3:30pm.

Steve Kandell provided a description of the Community-based Stewardship Workshop. He mentioned that a team of consultants would be at the Anasazi Heritage Center on July 31, 2003 to begin preparing for the workshop. The consultants would like to meet with Committee members interested in working to assure workshop is well attended and successful. Chuck McAffee, Mark Varien, Bob Clayton and Kelly Wilson agreed to meet with the consultants.

Bill Lipe suggested that the Committee be provided examples of different planning documents (e.g., draft plans). BLM agreed to provide examples through a list of websites or actual documents.

Chris Majors expressed an interest in reviewing resource (e.g., range) information developed by both BLM and third party sources. LouAnn Jacobson explained that the Monument is planning to hire a range consultant to assist in development of the plan. Steve Kandell agreed to begin identifying BLM and third party sources of rangeland management information. Committee members suggested that the Montezuma Rangeland Stewardship Committee and CSU Extension Service may have range information to share.

Tito Naranjo explained that the Pueblo have beliefs and a sense of time that relate to cultural anthropology, not archaeology. He noted that the Monument is a sacred place to the Pueblo, and that the plan should encompass these considerations. Steve Kandell explained that the plan would address Native American Religious Concerns.

Chris Majors asked what influence the Committee would ultimately have in making plan decisions. LouAnn Jacobson explained that the Committee can make recommendations, but that BLM has the final decision-making authority.

The meeting ended at 4:25pm.